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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, XF

SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE EAST

REF: USUN 544 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MEETING WITH FRG UN OFFICE DIRECTOR REDIES FEBRUARY 24 (REPORTED SEPTEL), IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE MAYNES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE SC WOULD NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION ON BASIS OF SYG'S REPORT. IF SUCH A DISCUSSION WERE HELD, WE WOULD PREFER THAT IT BE INFORMAL AND PRO FORMA ONLY.

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2. REDIES AGREED AND SUGGESTED THAT MATTER COULD BE DEFUSED IF U.S., AS SC PRESIDENT, WERE TO INFORM SYG THAT CONSULTATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING PLO, AND THAT SC DISCUSSION WAS NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY. (REDIES HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED SAME PLAN TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON.) MAYNES

(AND LATER DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER) POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE NO SC PRECEDENTS JUSTIFYING SUCH A MOVE, BUT STATED THAT DUE ACCOUNT HAD BEEN TAKEN OF REDIES' SUGGESTION AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE

STUDYING IT CAREFULLY. DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED REFTEL INDICATING EGYPTIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK FLOATING SIMILAR IDEA THERE.

3. PER YOUR TELCON INSTRUCTIONS FEBRUARY 28, YOU ARE AWARE THAT DEPARTMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT ANY CONSULTATION BETWEEN U.S. PERM REP, AS SC PRESIDENT, AND PLO SHOULD BE AVOIDED. ALTHOUGH GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS RECOGNIZED THE PLO AS A PARTY TO DISPUTE, SC TECHNICALLY HAS NOT. CONSEQUENTLY, DECISION ON OUR PART AS SC PRESIDENT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PLO AS A PARTY TO DISPUTE WOULD QUICKLY BE SEEN AS A MOVE WHICH WAS NOT REQUIRED BY EARLIER SC DECISIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, YOU SHOULD INFORM EGYPTIAN AND FRG MISSIONS OF THIS POSITION.

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